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SUBJ: WFP; REVISION OF GENERAL REGULATIONS

1. COMMENTS FROM SWEDEN AND SUGGESTED CHANGES FROM NETHERLANDS  
WERE FORWARDED TO BYRNES, SHAUGHNESSY AND PHILLIPS JANUARY 19.  
DIFFERENCES BETWEEN NETHERLANDS AND U.S. PROPOSALS PROBABLY  
CAN BE RESOLVED EASILY, BUT THE NETHERLANDS DOES FORCE  
US TO GIVE MORE ATTENTION TO THE ROLE, FUNCTION, AND AUTHORITY  
OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND HIS RELATIONSHIPS TO OTHER  
ORGANIZATIONS.

2. SWEDISH PROPOSALS WOULD CALL FOR A SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT APPROACH  
(CFA AND WFP HAVE TWO DISTINCTLY DIFFERENT TASKS, I.E. COORDINATION  
OF FOOD ASSISTANCE AND RELATED TASKS VERSUS ADMINISTRATION  
OF PROGRAM, WHICH SHOULD BE DEALT WITH IN DIFFERENT CHAPTERS)  
HENCE WORKING GROUP WOULD HAVE TO CONTINUE BEYOND NEXT CFA AND  
REPORT TO FALL MEETING. SUBSTANTIVE EMPHASIS IS ON PARTICIPATION  
(ELIGIBILITY NO LESS BROAD THAN UN TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE),  
EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE (COORDINATION ROLE AND MODALITIES OF THE  
EMERGENCY RESERVE, SHOULD BE SPELLED OUT, PROBABLY IN SEPARATE  
CHAPTER. UNHCR SHOULD BE ABLE TO INITIATE ASSISTANCE).  
TOTAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT SHOULD BE EMPLOYED, I.E.  
GREATER FLEXIBILITY REGARDING WFP EMERGENCY SET-ASIDE AND  
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CONSIDERATION TO CFA APPROVAL OF EMERGENCY AS WELL AS PROJECT  
ASSISTANCE, AT LEAST ON INDICATIVE BASIS. RULES ON PURCHASING IN  
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES SHOULD BE MORE LIBERAL. SIMPLIFY  
AND STREAMLINE PROJECT DEVELOPMENT, APPROVAL, IMPLEMENTATION AND  
EVALUATION.

3. NETHERLANDS APPROACH IS SIMILAR TO THAT OF THE U.S. AND

PROPOSALS ARE QUITE CONSISTENT WITH CHANGES PROPOSED BY THE SECRETARIAT SENT WASHINGTON JANUARY 12, EXCEPT FOR PARA 14 AND THE ABSENCE OF SUBSTANTIVE COMMENT BEYOND 15, OTHER THAN THAT EMERGENCIES SHOULD HAVE SEPARATE ARTICLES IN 17 AND 18 HOWEVER IN 3 ON ELIGIBILITY NETHERLANDS, SIMILAR TO U.S., SAYS "SPECIALIZED AGENCIES (SECRETARIAT IS BROADER); IN 5 WOULD SUBSTITUTE "PARTICULARLY FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE POOREST AND MOST VULNERABLE STRATA OF THE POPULATION" FOR "PARTICULARLY WHEN RELATED TO PRE-SCHOOL AND SCHOOL FEEDING" (U.S. ALSO REFERS TO NEEDIEST COUNTRIES); IN 12 ON MEETINGS, THREE IN TWO YEARS SIMILAR TO THE U.S., BUT RELATES TO FAO CONFERENCE RATHER THAN PLEDGING CONFERENCE AND CA-LS THE THIRD MEETING A BUDGET SESSION (SECRETARIAT GINGERLY SUGGESTS ONE EACH YEAR); WOULD REVRITE 15B AND D FOR REASONS NOT ENTIRELY CLEAR EXCEPT SIMPLICITY AND REMOVAL OF "WORLD MARKET PRICES" CRITERIA FOR CASH PURCHASE IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, BUT STATE RESPONSIBILITY FOR MAKING OPTIMUM USE OF RESOURCES.

4. THE MAJOR DEPARTURE RELATES TO PARA 14. IT WILL HAVE BEEN NOTICED THAT PARA 14 IN THE SECRETARIAT DRAFT IS LARGE LY INCOMPLETE, AND THE U.S. MADE NO PROPOSALS. THE NETHERLANDS FACES THE ISSUE. ITS PROPOSAL MAKES CLEAR THAT THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR IS IN CHARGE AND THAT HE IS RESPONSIBLE PRIMARILY TO THE CFA, E.G. THE PROGRAM WILL BE ADMINISTERED BY AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ASSISTED BY HIS SECRETARIAT. HE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ORGANIZATION OF HIS SECRETARIAT AND FOR OFFICIALS OF THE PROGRAM. IN POLICY MATTERS CONCERNING ORGANIZATION AND PERSONNEL, HE WILL CONSULT WITH THE CFA. VOLPE

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